Item From a Florida Paper: There Was Rathera Severe Frost Last Night In Some Sections and Early Strawberries are Said To Be Damaged

## EXPECT TREATY TO BE IN TUELD

# NO BRIDEGROOM FOR CHRISTMAS

Time Required to Verify German Former Navy Surgeon Was to tion as a speaker. But because the Wed College Professor Figures

VON LERSNER ANXIOUS YOUNG WOMAN HOPEFUL an orator in the fine, true sense of USED

That He Has Delayed Negotiations

Paris, Dec. 26 .- The final date of now depends upon the speed with which the Allied missions in Germany can verify the German figures of avail able floating dock tonnage demanded by the Allies as compensation for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow, the Correspondent was informed today at the headquarters of the German peace delegation.

Baron von Lersner, head of German representatives, said thought this would take at least a fortnight, if not longer, in view of the difficulties of transportation in Germany and the detail involved in varifying the figures.

"A decided misunderstanding was reflected in the Paris press in the last few days regarding my projected trip to Berlin, which I subsequently abandoned," Von Lersner said, "My object was to hurry, rather than delay, the putting of the Versailles treaty into effect. From Monday night o'clock I was deprived of any communication with my government by either telegraph or telephone, in consequence of which Berlin had no knowledge of the Entente note or of the verbal communication given on this subject by M. Dustasta secretary of the peace conference) until this morning.

"I thought that a trip to Berlin and a verbal explanation of the situation to the government would facili-tate matters. The inference by the French papers that the German government wanted to delay the exchange of ratifications is absolutely Friend William; unfounded. We want nothing more than effective restoration of peace.

"Peace means the repatriation of are obliged to spend another Christmas in captivity,

"The fact that Herr von Simson arrived in Paris last Sunday to start tion to delay matters."

### WEST SHAFTSBURY

Doc. 20: Play:-Star of the East

Scene I Hills Outside Bethlehem

lehem Characters: - Chi'dren. Shepherds, Songs.-Holy Night, Cradle Hymn, Olive Trees, Hark the Herald respect to cope with it.

Angels sing Tableau-What Became of the Wise Men's gifts not hesitate to ca'l upon me-

Mariorie Hewitt Evergreen Drill-Christmas in Sweden Maurice Peters

Story to Light the Christ Child on Mr. Wm F. Sears, My Dear Mr. Sears: What Can I Give Him Just Before Christmas

Story-The Finding of the Treasure

An Impatient Waiter Charles Tintham work

The Christmas Star Winona Niles Keeping Christmas Frances Bump Song-Good Night Children School The program was pleasingly render ed to a large audience. Much credit is duet the teacher, Miss Georgia Rob-



TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE-Good family cow. Black Jersey, a good producer. C. L. Holder

FOR SALE-Dry and green stove wood and cnunks at reasonable rates. Inquire H. A. Stratton, tel 186-16.

Children Crg FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Leader of German Delegation Denies Friends Believe Dr. William G. Vermilye May Have Met with Violence

Monson Mass., Dec. 26.-Dr William mers here, and loves ardently all this the repeatedly postponed exchange of Grey Verm! ye of New York, a former ratification of the Treaty of Versailles naval surgeon, failed to appear for now depends upon the speed with his wedding with Miss Ruth M. Keeney yesterday and his absence is still unexplained.

professor of Spanish at Bucknell university to wed the physician, is re-other summer. ported to be ill but is bearing up in

One theory advanced was that the physic an had met with violence as he had been actively engaged in the federal service rounding up radicals since his discharge from the navy.

#### FIREMEN'S FUND GROWS

Contributions Have Now Reached a Total of \$575

Bennington garage and the Cottage to Combine," does not perhaps call Hotel last Saturday morning the Ben- for the finished oratory of an acaden'ngton fire department has been the mic occasion, but it will be handled recipient of checks amounting to \$575 in a luminous and forceful fashion. until Wednesday afternoon at 2 and contributed by owners of property We may not all agree with all he will saved from destruction through the ef- say, but he is sure to come to close forts of the department and former quarters with and to get at the basic

partment have expressed their appreciation of the contributions, but in- Dec. 25. asmuch as the annual department meeting takes place early next month t has been deemed best to defer official action until that time. The following letters are self explanatory: December 24, 1919.

Mr. Wm. Sears, Chief Bennington Fire Department, Village.

our soldiers, prisoners in France, who Department, in appreciation of the ef- than I am getting."

from my observations at this fire it from July 1. Following is the program given by would seem to me that there is much the Niles school Saturday evening, equipment lacking which, if provided by the Village, would make possible Scene II At the Manger in Beth size of the fire Saturday morning was

If I can at any time render assis- Out of the 34,900 operators' licens. and score is as follows Before the Manger at Bethlehem usefulness of the Fire Department, do of operating their machines during

Very truly yours, Geo. M. Hawks.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 24, 1919.

On behalf of Mr. Cantor and myself Civil Suit Brought by Jamaica Woods-Ruth Reed | On benait of Mr. Canton the brave

Raymond Coulter boys who fought that terrible fire, and The Real Santa Claus Mae Tinkham saved our property from utter destruc-Enclosed please find check for

Grace Tinkham S25.00 in appreciation of their splendid

Very sincerely yours, Nathan S. Satter.

Bennington Vt. Dec. 25, 1919.

Chief Wm. E. Sears, Bennington Fire Dept., Bennington, Vt.

Dear Sir:-We wish to express our Saturday morning. We fully realize the difficulties under which the firemen were compelled to work and greatly appreciate their fine efforts in our be-

We regret, however, that our loss makes it impossible for us to express spoi ed and was not returned. our gratitude in a substantial way. Very truly yours.

and family.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days Dringlists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT falls to cure liching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Stops Irritation: Soothes and Heats. You can get restful sleep after the first applica-tion. Price 60c.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking-house on Tuesday the sixth day of January, 1920, at ten o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensu-

ing year and for any other proper and necessary business. Ralph A. Jones, Cashier, North Reunington, Vt. Dec. 3rd, 1919,

JUDGE STAFFORD'S ADDRESS

Evening Forum Series.

There are a number of people in Bennington, who look forward with particular pleasure to the opportunity of hearing Judge Stafford on Sunday night. They know him personally or they have listened to him on some public occasion, and are aware of the charm of the man and of his distinc-

ed with Wendell Phillips Safford I may be permitted this comment. He is one of Vermont's most disthat sometimes misused term. His speaking has reality and strength as

well as grace; there is no affectation about it, it grips you by its sincerity and natural dynamic. That Judge Staf ord should come to Benning on at this time is a compliment to our community. He knows us, for he has spent some of his sum-

hil and valley region. I have the impression that some of the exquisite verse he has written has had its inp ration in this setting of nature. He is a very busy man at Washing-

the belief that her flance would yet fall in with Judge Stafford at the council to be turned over to Great troubles. In this respect would say Haskell was cited for brilliant ser-Dartmouth Anniversary in October, Britain under the armistire terms. and this engagement is the result of

that conversation and the invitation livered to the British government. given then. I may say that on the occasion mentioned the address of Judge Stafford side by side with some remarkable addresses by other eminent men was generally regarded as the finest of all.

May I urge our citizens to hear him Sunday night. His subject, "Some Since the destruction by fire of the Necessary Limitations on the Right Individual members of the fire de- vital questions before the country.

#### WILL NOT RAISE PAY

State House Clerks' Petition Denied by Board of Control.

Monpeller, Dec. 26 .- "What will we do about it, said a clerk in the State ning at 8 o'clock. Acv. House when it was learned that the Board of Control had not approved HIGH SCHOOL QUINTETTE Friend William:-Enclosed I hand some of the clerks' requests for inyou my check for \$200.00 payable to creases in pay. "I shall get through," the Treasurer of the Bennington Fire said one. "I am worth more salary

fic ent services rendered on the morn- It appears that the feeling resulted Defeats Alumni Five in Fast Gameing of the 20th by that division of the from the fact becoming known that Department handling the line of hose in one department increases had ocon the side of the fire adjacent to curred but a part of the matter was Thursday at the "Y" gym the Benmy property, which resulted in such a not explained and it was because the nington high school backetball teams relatively small loss compared with commissioner of industries clerks did split a double bill with the high school what it might have been had not the not get increases July 1 owing to the alumni teams in two very fast games negotiations for putting the treaty in fire been held in check and confined fact that the commissioner was new The boys team defeated the boys to the one story laundry building. | on the job and did not know the ropes alumni in a very fast but slightly one-As you may know I have always of these changes so that the Board sided game. The high school team been very much interested in the Fire of Control recently voted to grant in- although playing against a very heavy Department and i's equipment, and creases to these clerks and date them team of the old "grads," was ab'e to John Murphy of Lincoln street.

LOST LICENSES NUMBER 160

ed This Year

However there may be a repetition of automobile operator's licenses will the best this year. ongs.—Holy Night. Cradle Hymn, the fire at some future time and the take place this year because of the Christmas Carol, Winds Thru, the Department should be prepared in this fact that the end of the year is so school team, was the main factor in Christmas Carol, Winds Thru, the Department should be prepared in this fact that the end of the year is so the winning of the care.

tance to increase the efficiency and es only 160 have lost their privilege the year from neglect or other causes.

#### TRAPPER CLAIMS GAME WARDEN SHOT HIS BEAR

man Against Fish and Game Official

Sheriff Frank L. Wellman of Wind- Burt, rl., ham county arrested County Fish and Jenney, c. Game warden Erwin H. Metcalf of Paddock, rg., Brattleboro Tuesday evening in a civil C. Chase suit brought by Mason Jones, the vet- G. Hutton eran bear trapper of Jamacia, through tion among the sportsmen.

will be held in Brattleboro.

A criminal action was brought by a score of 17 to 13. the game warden against Mr. Jones

Mrs. Anna C. Leahy recently charging him with violating the game laws by not properly fencing off his bear trap when it was set. Pilling, If., The bear was up a tree when shot and Morrissey the warden claims that he shot the Lyons, c., animal to ends its misery.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy and warmer tonight probably snow in extreme north portion, Saturday fair.

A Tickle is The Beginning of a throat or painful cough. HAYES HEALING HONEY Stops the Tickle by Healing the Throat. 35c per bottle.

# Prominent Vermonter Open Sunday GERWAN SHIPS

community as a whole is not acquaint Include Imperator Group in New York Harbor

Armistice for Repatriation of American Troops

Washington, Dec. 26.-By direction Membership Does Not Impose Millof the president, the former German assenger ships of the Imperator Editor of the Evening Banner: group now in New York harbor are to

shipping board announced today. Miss Keeney, who had resigned as ton, and this visit is the only one he The vessels are those assigned to the nature and purposes of the Ameri- in France. able to make to Vermont before an- the United States after the armistice can Legion. This is especially true He enlisted in the marines, was pro- his or her wages during any period for the repartriation, of American regarding what may and may not be moted to the rank of sergeant and un- of disability due to accident or sick-It was the writer's good fortune to troops and designed by the inter-allied The Imperator has already been de-

#### TWELVE SPORTIVE MAIDENS

Man" at Opera House One of the events that is sure to Legion. please the patrons of the Opera House | The following sections from our Nawill be the initial appearance of the tional Constitution will help to ex Queens of the Follies company, in an plain the nature of the Legion; entirely new and elaborately equipped production. It is gratifying to know Han organization; membership there that the production has all the ingred in does not affect or increase Hability facts of one of the biggest and most tertainment and it is needless to say meeting of the Legion; that it has performed its duties in H.—The American Legion shall be of the Inter-Church World Movement

de eat the alumni team by a safe margin. In the first half the same was close and for nearly ten minutes Mrs. M. J. Welch of South street neither sied could score a point, but part of the Department. Of course the Improbable That More Will Be Revok- after Sumner looped a backet the scor ing was quite heavy on both sides. Montpelier, Dec. 26 .- It is very The playing of the high school team partment was taxed to the utmost, probable that no more suspension of was considered by spectators to be

Bennington High School

	F. G.	F. P.	Tota
Sumner, rf.,	10	1	21
MacLaren, 1f.,	- 0	0	. 0
Mallory, c.,	7	0:	14
Fradenburgh, rg.,	- 1	0	2
Rausom, Ig., Griffin Cushman	1	0	2
	against to	5.00	
Alu	mni		
	F. G.	F. P.	Tota

the office of Attorney N. D. Clauson the Benhi girls team played a team from 9 until 1. Adv. and while the damages sought are only composed of the alumni. The alumni Neapolitan Brick Ice Cream-Choc \$70, the sult will attract wide attentieam was made up almost entirely of late, vanilla frozen pudding Friday the players who formed the undefeat Saturday and Sunday at Harwood's Mr. Metcalf furnished bail for a ed girls team of a few years ago. The Prints and quarts. Adv. hearing January 12 which probably game was close and the high school Edward Pilling won the Christma Mr. Jones claims that on October the alumni. Catherine Morrissey startile Y. M. C. A. for the best score in thanks to you and all others who fought the fire that destroyed the Cottage Hotel and Bennington Garage last tiff's traps and carried off, not only allowed Margarett Nash and Julia Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matson and Mrs. J. E which was caught in one of the plant the Benhi teams points. For the traps and carried off, not only alumni Margaret Nash and Julia Matson's sister, Miss Elizabeth Burns the bear but the trap, chain and drag. He says that later the trap, a very fast floor game for the high of Troy, spent Christmas with the drag. It has bear's skin were chain, and part of the bear's skin were school and through her floor work the returned, but that the meat through high school forwards were able to careless handling by the defendant, score the points. The alumni won by Schenectady are spending the holl- thy young man will go into the mini-

> Barret, rg., Remington, lg., Alumni

B. H. S.

#### · Brazell, If., Nash, rf., \* Carpenter

\* Baker

\* Sullivan

The lineup and score:

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

A public demonstration of the

Miller hydrant thawyer was given under the direct supervision of the patentee and inventor, C. H. Miller, and of C. S. Beech on Wednesday after-noon at the H. E. Bradford & Co., Inc., plant where it was connected with one of their hydrants in the rear of

The hydrant had been frozen solid by means of ice and salt and then live steam from the boilers in . the mill was introduced directly into the hydrant by means of Mr. Miler's device. Within two minutes the hydrant was thawed out.

Under any conditions of freezing it is the consensus of those present at Were Assigned to United States After the demonstration that Mr. Miller's device will absolutely thaw out a hydrant in from five to ten minutes.

AMERICAN LEGION OBJECTS

tary or Police Obligations.

delivered to Great Britain, the ing among some former service men that there is no authority vested in vice. any officer or committee of the Ameri or police duty in any emergency. If young man had been freed of the any members of the Legion have act. charges against him and that he had Will Enetftain the "Tired Business ed in such cases, they have acted as been awarded the Croix de Guerre unind viduals, not as a part of the der his right name.

I.—The American Legion is a civiients of a high class musical and for military or police service. Rank vaudeville show combined. It was does not exist in the Legion; no memwritten for the sole purpose of furnish ber shall be addressed by his military ing a bright, wholesome satisfying on or naval title in any convention or

that respect in a very satisfactory absolutely non-political and shall not consisting of the State and District be used for the dissemination of par-The chorus consists of twelve sportisan principles nor for the prothe Baptist, Congregational and Methtive and merry maldens, whose sing- motion of the candidacy of any per- odist Conferences and Conventions ing and dancing of the musical num- son seeking public office or prefer- hereby put themselves on record as bers presented, will be a great source ment. No candidate for or incumbent believing that the of pleasure to the audience. Matinee of a salaried elective public office churches demands an increase of not daily at 3 o'clock, one show each eve shall hold any office in the American less than fifty per cent, as compared Legion, or in any department or post with 1916, on the salaries of the minthereof;

III.—Each member shall perform his full duty as a citizen according to val churches as they have opportunity. SHOWS IMPROVEMENT his own conscience and understand. This action is taken in view of the

Roy C. Denley, Commander,

Robert F. Stewart, Adjulant.

LOCAL OVERFLOW George Spargo left this morning for a visit in New York. Miss Catherine Mitchell of Burling-

ton is a guest of her sister. Mrs. Dr. Joseph Welch of Troy spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. There will be a dancing c'ass at Welfare ball Sotum's

the evening class will be omitted. Mrs. Anna Garanes York are visiting Mrs. Gardner's depend upon the quality of the mother, Mrs. McGlynn of Park wract Misses Mol'le and Beatrice Ryan and Miss Alice Biggs of Troy are at their homes here for the week-end. William O'Donnell, who attenda school in Troy, is with his uncle John O'Donnell, during the holiday recess.

ton is spending the holiday vacation

The Black Cat Textiles company will close down Wedn aday for the rest of the week to take the

annual inventory. An informal dance will be given it Masonic Temple this evening for As a reeliminary to the boys game Masons and their friends, Dancing

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fortier of Joseph Levins at North Bennington.

Mary A. McDermott of Park street.

of Mr. Wood. Frank C. Phillips of Rutland and

Depot street. Mrs. F. M. Slandreau and daughter D., Methodist District Superintendent. Bertha returned today to their home in Troy having been in town to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Steen and family of RROMO QUININE Tablets. Look for East Main street. Mrs. Steen is a E. W. GROVE'S signature on the box daughter of Mrs. Slandreau.

## Public Demonstration with Invention HERO IN FRANCE of C. H. Miller. ONCE ROBBED BOSTON BANK

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for Arthur Abbott

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During Disability

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There seems to be a misunders, ad- Federal Trust company of Boston, it company under a group disability in-

INTER-CHURCH MOVEMENT Plans Proposed Are Agreed on By State Leaders

At a meeting here today of the Vernont Executive Committee of the Inter-Church World Movement at which all members of the committee were present the following action was taken with regard to ministers' salaries. The Vermont Executive Committee Superintendents and the Secretaries of welfare of the sters of the State and pledge themselves to present the matter to individ-

following urgent considerations : 1. Official reports declare that liv-Bennington Post No. 13. American ing expenses have increased at least one hundred per cent since the period Life Insura perore the war. The purchasing power isters, most of whom before the war that when you are disabled by sickwere receiving quite inadequate sal-

aries, at once becomes evident. 2. The present is not time for de-reasing the ability of the ministry to creasing the ability of the ministry to five per cent of your wages. Paydo the work in a competent way and ments will begin after the first week. to give themselves unstintedly to the and will be made for any period of work. The future of civilization de- disability up to six months. pends upon the effective maintenance of the church no less than upon the work accidents are concerned, by the effective maintenance of our schools. Workmen's Compensation Law, and As an educator, President Hadley of with this additional insurance, you will but Yale, said not long since, Christiani be provided with an income during and the effectiveness of the church hip as the effectiveness of the schools repend upon the quality of the teachng force. An adequate economic oundation, a living wage is indisputable to both.

3 We are concerned, as all alert Vermonters must be concerned he economic, social and moral condi-Miss Mary Mahar of Hartford is fons in our rural communities which in the next few days. spending the holidays, with her constitute the backbone of our State. mother, Mrs. M. J. Mahar of River The right kind of a minister can be a mas and a Happy New Year, I am powerful factor in influencing the to-Miss Catherine Craven of Washing- tal life as well as the specifically ligious life of these communities. with her father, John Craven of Park The work of reducing the number of over-churched communities-within derstood that in rural communities of four hundred people and more, the right kind of a minister for effective ommunity leadership, giving full time SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOLDIERS o the work cannot be expected to maintain himself on a salary of ap- Courses in Agriculture for Former preciably less than twelve hundred dollars and house and many, if not

red dollars and house, Tallet mether the next generation is to have a ministry that s at all commensurate in quality and quantity with the need is being deided now by the attitude our churches and communities take toward this question of a living salary for the men who today occupy our pulpits. No wordays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. try for the sake of the salary, nor will he be turned aside by the certain- with Prof. Ellenberger, Morrill hall. James McDermott has returned to 'y of very real and continuous sacri-Schenectady having been in town to fices. But he cannot be expected to pass Christmas with his mother, Mrs. face the certainty of economic conditions which will prevent him from ren- Will Be Accompanied by Queen Vic-Judge N. G. Wood of Hyde Park is dering that fulness of service which a guest at the home of County Ament constitutes the deepest satisfaction of and Mrs. F. Clifford Shaw of Washing the ministry and is the real reason Queen Victoria of Spain will sail for ton street. Mrs. Shaw is a daughter why strong and worthy young men are America in June, according to E'Claire. drawn to it.

Those subscribing to the action Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Phillips of Beacon.

Mr. are passing the holidays with

Merrill. Congregational State Secretary.

Merrill. Congregational State Secretary. were: Rev. W. A. Davidson, D. D., Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Phillips of tary and Rev. E. W. Sharp, Rev. W. R. Davenport ,Rev. G. K. Stathan, D.

For Colds or Influenza

Boston, Dec. 26.-Arthur E. Abbott, Each of the sixty employees of the long wanted as a fugitive from jus- Bennington Wax Paper company of tice for the theft or \$15 000 from the Bennington has been insured by the in among some former service men is now learned, was one of the heroes and the public in general regarding of the American expeditionary forces payment of seventy-five percent of done in connection with any labor der the assumed name of William H. ness. The policy became effective The identity of Sergeant Haskell as covers any accident occurring to an can Legion to call out or pledge the Abbott was disclosed today by the dis- employee outside of his employment, Legion of any part of it for military trict attorney who announced that the accidents occurring during employment being provided for by workmen's compensation insurance. The sickness benefit is for sickness of any kind that prevents the employee from working. The indemnity is payable after the first week of absence from work and will be continued up to and in-

cluding 26 weeks. The policy provides this protection to its employees only. When an employee leaves the company the pro-

tection ceases. The insurance is written under a group policy by the Ætna Life Insurance company Accident and Liability Department of Hartford, Conn., and was placed by William H. Wills, the Ætna representative in Bennington. This plan of insurance is practically the same as was recently placed by the American Woolen Co. in all their

mil's The following announcement of the Christmas gift was made by the Wax Paper company to each of its em-

As an expression, in a substantial form, of the value this company places upon your earnest and faithful services, and your loyal co-operation, the following announcement is made: We have purchased from the Ætna of the dellar has been more than cut insurance which becomes effective in two. The economic position of min- Christmas Day. This policy provides

disability of any kind. We want you to realize that the contr bution of loyal and continued service which you make toward the successful operation of our company will enable us to continue this plan of insurance, which is provided entirely at our expense, and which is for your

advancement and comfort. A certificate, explaining the plan of protection will be given to you with-

With best wishes for a Merry Christ-Sincerely yours. BENNINGTON WAX PAPER CO.

By J. W. Hurlhum Treasurer. wo years and a half this work has has also renewed its group life insurbeen done already in some thirty-five ance policy and made their employees ommunities—will be vigorous y con-a Christmas pre-ent of these policies inued under the auspices of the Inter-for the year. This is also Aktna surance and sold through the agency

of William H. Wills.

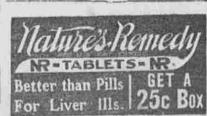
Service Men.

According to information received here, Bennington county is entitled to four scholarships of \$70 each for the short courses in agriculture at the University of Vermont, commencing cember 30 and lasting six weeks. is provided that the money may used for board, room, books, etc., but not for railroad fare.

Further information may be obtained by communicating with C. E. Rand, Y. M. C. A. building. Burlington, or

KING ALFONSO COMING

toria on Trip to America Paris, Dec. 26.-King Alfenso and



Quinlan's Pharmacy